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II. Claims

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A retaining device (1) for at least two containers (5, 5'), comprising a basic body (11), where the basic body (11) has an accommodating opening (2), in which ~~at least one of the containers (5, 5') is filled with a material for dental restorative work~~ *and the containers (5, 5') can be fixed in a defined removal sequence, and which only allows for activation or access to the contents of the container(s) upon removal of the container(s) from the retaining device.*

14. (Currently Amended) A retaining device (1) according to ~~claim 13~~ *claim 3* for containers (5, 5') containing materials for sequential use, where the accommodating opening (2) has in each case one mount (4) for at least a first and a second container (5, 5'), and where the accommodating opening (2) is designed such that the first container (5) can only be removed from the accommodating opening (2) after the second container (5') has already been removed.

15. (Previously Presented) A retaining device (1) according to claim 13, where the basic body (11) consists of an elastic polymer material such that the accommodating opening (2) can be widened elastically for removal of a container (5, 5')

16. (Previously Presented) A retaining device (1) according to claim 13 having at least two grip surfaces (9).

17. (Previously Presented) A retaining device (1) according to claim 13, where the accommodating opening (2) is a slot in a basic body (11), and the slot is provided with mounts (4) for enclosing the containers (5, 5').

18. (Previously Presented) A retaining device (1) according to claim 13, where the accommodating opening (2) has a profiling for securing the containers (5, 5') in a form-fitting manner.

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19. (Previously Presented) A retaining device (1) according to claim 13, where the basic body (11) has at least one standing surface (10).

20. (Previously Presented) A retaining device (1) according to claim 13, where the basic body (11) and the mounts (4) are designed such that preliminary opening of the containers (5, 5') is prevented.

21. (Currently Amended) A container arrangement having at least two containers (5, 5') and a retaining device (1) for accommodating and connecting the containers (5, 5'), where ~~at least one of the containers (5, 5') are is filled with material for dental restorative work and the containers (5, 5')~~ are arranged in the retaining device (1) such that the containers can be removed from the retaining device (1) in a predeterminable sequence, *and which only allows for activation or access to the contents of the container(s) upon removal of the container(s) from the retaining device.*

22. (Previously Presented) A container arrangement according to claim 21, characterized in that the retaining device (1) and the containers (5, 5') are designed such that the retaining device (1) accommodates the containers (5, 5') in a form-fitting manner.

23. Cancelled

24. (Currently Amended) A container arrangement according to claim 21 wherein a first container (5) is filled with a material for restorative dental work which is only to be used after ~~one~~ another material, which is contained in the second container (5'), has been used.

25. (New) A container arrangement for the ordered delivery of material for dental restorative work where the basic body (11) of the retaining device (1) consists of an elastic polymer material such that an accommodating opening (2) can be widened elastically for removal of a container (5, 5') where the retaining device retains at least two containers (5, 5'), where material for dental restorative work is contained in at least a first container (5), and where the first container (5) is arranged in the container retaining device (1) along with at least one

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additional container (5') such that the containers can only be removed from the container

retraining device in a predetermined sequence, *and which only allows for activation or access to the contents of the container(s) upon removal of the container(s) from the retaining device.*

26. (New) A method of assuring a predetermined treatment and/or mixing sequencing

comprising the step of providing at least two containers (5, 5') which are kept in a retaining

device (1) in a defined removal sequence, *wherein the retaining device only allows for activation or access to the contents of the container(s) upon removal of the container(s) from the retaining device.*

27. (New) A method of assuring a predetermined treatment and/or mixing sequencing in

dental restoration work comprising the step of providing a container arrangement according to claim 25.

28. (New) A method of assuring a predetermined treatment and/or mixing sequencing in

dental restoration work comprising the step of providing at least two containers (5, 5') which are

kept in a retaining device (1) in a defined removal sequence, *wherein the retaining device only allows for activation or access to the contents of the container(s) upon removal of the container(s) from the retaining device.*

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